

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13-16, and 18-37 are pending. Claims 21-23 have been allowed, claims 1, 5, 8, 11, 15, 21, and 36 have been amended, and claims 3, 6, 9, 12, and 17 have been canceled.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons.

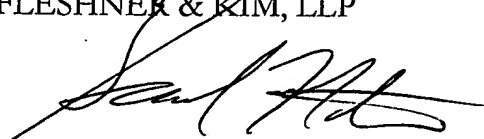
In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 3, 6, 9, 12, 17, 36, and 37 would be considered allowable if re-written into independent form to recite the features of their base and intervening claims. Alternatively, claim 1 has been amended to recite the features of claim 3, claim 8 has been amended to recite the features of claim 9, and claim 15 has been amended to recite the features of claim 17. In addition, claim 36 has been re-written into independent form. In amending these claims, it is further noted that the terms “inputting” and “determining” were replaced with “receiving” and “receiving information indicative of” respectively. A similar amendment was made to claim 21, where “entering” was replaced with “receiving.”

Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments are sufficient to overcome the outstanding § 103(a) rejection and to place all of the presently pending claims into condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the § 103(a) rejection and furtherance of the application to allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this,

concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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